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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of Kaoru NAKABAYASHI, Shingo YUDASAKA, Yasushi HIRAOKA  
IMAGE DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS, MEDIUM RECORDING  
IMAGE DATA SET, MEDIUM RECORDING IMAGE DATA PROCESSING  
PROGRAM AND IMAGE DATA PROCESSING METHOD  
**Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION, A.I. SOFT INC.**  
Our Ref: Q80735

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/529,665 (Confirmation No. 1041) filed April 18, 2000 of NAKABAYASHI, Kaoru, YUDASAKA, Shingo, HIRAOKA, Yasushi entitled IMAGE DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS, MEDIUM RECORDING IMAGE DATA SET, MEDIUM RECORDING IMAGE DATA PROCESSING PROGRAM AND IMAGE DATA PROCESSING METHOD.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 62 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2624.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	10-231708	August 18, 1998

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/529,665.



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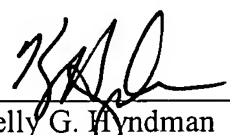
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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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